OCF Path Segment Study

MAIN STAGE

Description:

Includes the Main Stage meadow and the 400-foot segment of East 13th between the Info Booth and its northeast end where it meets Sallies' Alley, Pike Street, and Sesame Street. For planning purposes, includes booths 329, W00, P11, P00, and 340 at path intersections.

This path segment includes Main Stage, three recycling stations, one Info Booth, one or two misting stations, one hand washing facility, one drinking water station, 18-hole vault toilets at Politics Park, and backstage and emergency access on Moz Road. (White Bird medical booth is nearby but included in the E. 13th path planning segment.) Ten craft booths, 15 food booths, the General Store, a non-profit booth, a security tower, and a sound booth line this segment. One designated smoking area. Tinkerbell phones at the info and sound booths. This segment is sunny. Its deep, well-drained sandy loam supports good turf on the meadow. The path tends to be dusty where traffic is heavy. Near White Bird, sheet erosion during floods scours the path and deposits soil on the meadow.

Strengths:

The biggest draw of all the venues at the Fair, this area is busy day and night. The mix of open space, high energy entertainment, crowds, cart vendors, and food booths is invigorating and rejuvenating. Toilets, hand washing, drinking water, medical care, and emergency access are readily available. Benches and tables provide rest and dining places. Good AAAA access.

Problems:

Can be crowded, hot, and dusty. Lines at the toilets may be long. Crowd management at Main Stage can be problematic, especially at AAAA area. More seating and dining furniture needed. Misting station can create mud hole. The marching band and an ad-hoc drum circle at P00 corner can cause sound conflicts.

Goals:

Main Stage maintained as the headliner stage. Better turf, less dust and mud. More benches and tables.

Implementation:

Install tables and benches, e.g., around Garcia tree. Reduce impact of vehicles on path and meadow. Maintain and develop turf. Post signs to promote urinal use. Manage dust and sound conflicts.